

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
SECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

POST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN STB DOCKET NO. AB-57 (Sub No. 56X)

October 1, 2008

ABANDONMENT TYPE

The time for comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) has expired in this:

(X) Notice of Exemption **()** Petition for Exemption **()** Regulated Abandonment

(X) NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED

() NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED

SEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on September 12, 2008 for public review and comment. In the EA, SEA recommended two environmental conditions and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment.


Conclusions

The EA comment period has ended. Accordingly, SEA recommends that the following conditions previously recommended in the EA should be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority:

1. Prior to commencement of any salvage activities, Soo Line Railroad Company shall consult with the St. Paul District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) regarding its requirements and, if applicable, shall comply with the reasonable requirements of the Corps.
2. To address the concerns of the North Dakota Department of Health, Environmental Health Section (Department of Health) regarding matters such as salvage and disposal activities, Soo Line Railroad Company shall coordinate with the Department of Health to ensure that appropriate measures are implemented during the proposed salvage activities.

If the above conditions are imposed, SEA believes that the proposed action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

SEA CONTACT:


Alan L. Cassiday, P.E.
Phone: (202) 245-0308
E-mail: alan.cassiday@stb.dot.gov.

Distribution: Ann Newman, Office of Proceedings (original)

SEA Chron

ECT